

DENBY DALE
URBAN DISTRICT

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

Medical Officer of Health

for the year

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ANNUAL REPORT

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MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

To the Members of the

Urban District Council of Denby Dale.

GENTLEMEN,

I have the honour to submit my Annual Report for the year ending December 31st, 1938.

The area of your district is 10,165 acres. The estimated population is 10,010.

The number of inhabited houses is 3,119 of which 2,834 rank as "working class."

The Rateable Value is £33,931/10/0. The sum represented by 1d. rate is £139

The general contour of your area is irregular and hilly. It is situated from 550-1000 feet above sea level. It is well wooded and healthy. The winters are hard and the district suffers from heavy snow when other areas, only a few miles away, may be clear. The main industries are textile, although there are several small coal mines, clay pits, stone quarries and fireclay works.

The area has not been hard hit by unemployment and there is really no poverty.

Vital Statistics. As per arrangement in appendix to M.O H

Live births—95: 51 Males, 44 Females. Birth rate per 1000: 9.49

Illegitimate 2 Males, 1 Female

Still births—3: 2 Males, 1 Female. Rate per 1000: 30.1

Deaths—104: 55 Males, 49 Females. Death rate: 10.3

Deaths from puerperal sepsis: 0

Deaths from other puerperal causes: 1. Rate 10.4 per 1000 births

Death rate of legitimate infants under 1 year: 40.2

Death rate of illegitimate infants under 1 year: 0

Deaths from Cancer, all ages: 15

Measles, all ages: 0

Whooping Cough, all ages: 0

Diarrhoea under 2 years: 0

Infant Mortality. There has been no excess in the mortality rate.

Infectious and other Diseases. As will be noted from the Statement of Notifications, the incidence of infectious disease has been extremely low. There are no influences threatening the health of the district. No diseases have been added to the notifiable list. There are no arrangements for nursing Puerperal Fever cases at home. Such cases can be sent to hospitals in Huddersfield or Wakefield.

Isolation Hospitals. General Infectious Diseases are treated at the Penistone Joint Isolation Hospital situate at Ingbirchworth, which is a short distance outside the area. The hospital is controlled by a joint committee formed of representatives of the constituent authorities.

For Smallpox there is a separate small hospital at Rough Birchworth in the same neighbourhood and controlled by the same committee. No change or extension of the premises has been carried out during the year.

General Hospital. General and accident cases are received by the Huddersfield Royal Infirmary. There is no local cottage hospital and no maternity homes.

Ambulance Services. For General Sick and Accident Cases a privately owned motor ambulance serves the area. It is subsidised by this Council and a neighbouring authority. Its service has been good and reliable. A charge of 9d. per running mile is made and collected by the owner of the ambulance. (Since the compiling of this Report these terms have been revised, resulting in the elimination of charges to the patient for local transport). There is no arrangement for a nurse to accompany the patient.

For General Infectious Disease Cases a motor ambulance is maintained by the Isolation Hospitals Committee. A hospital nurse accompanies the patient. There is no charge to the patient.

Mortuary Accommodation. A mortuary is attached to the Council Office at Skelmanthorpe and is used for accident, post-mortem and other cases.

Statement of Notifications of Infectious Diseases received during the year 1938.

CASES NOTIFIED OR OTHERWISE ASCERTAINED :

Scarlet Fever, 2
Diphtheria including Mem. Croup, 1
Acute Pneumonia (primary or influenzal), 1
Erysipelas 5

CASES REMOVED TO HOSPITAL :

Diphtheria, 1 Scarlet Fever 2

Appended are full reports made by the Sanitary Inspector of the condition of water supply, with full list of results of samples taken ; and also full report of housing conditions and inspections made by him.

I have the honour to be, Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

DOUGLAS BELL, M.B., D.P.H.

Report of the Sanitary Inspector.

This is my first report for the new District of Denby Dale. It includes inspections and matters relating to the component areas for the period January 1st to March 31st, previous to the amalgamation. It should be observed that for the period of the first six months of the year I was also serving as officer to two areas included in another district by the effect of a Review Order. These circumstances have had some effect on the number of inspections recorded for this district.

I am, your obedient servant,

F. GREENWOOD,
Sanitary Inspector.

Section C. Sanitary Circumstances of the Area.

WATER SUPPLY.

A piped supply distributed by the Council is available throughout the area except for a number of isolated premises. Part of the supply is derived from the Councils' own undertakings and part from the Huddersfield Corporation and the Dewsbury and Heckmondwike Joint Waterworks Board. Each ward has a separate system of mains owing to the fact that previous to the amalgamation of the area which took place this year such wards constituted separate Local Authorities.

Details of the systems are described hereunder :

DENBY AND CUMBERWORTH WARD. The higher levels are principally served by the Rusby Reservoirs with a capacity of of 380,000 gallons fed by underground springs, and owned by the Council, augmented from the Dewsbury and Heckmondwike Joint Waterworks Boards undertakings by pumping from a main at a considerably lower level into the reservoirs. The neighbouring village of High Hoyland in the Penistone Rural District is also supplied from these sources.

A row of ten houses at High Flatts is supplied from a small reservoir of 20,000 gallons capacity fed by a spring. This supply is pumped by means of a hydraulic ram into a reserve cistern to enable it to be piped into the houses. This supply has been found to be unsatisfactory in quality and it sometimes fails in a dry period. A stand-pipe tap connected to the Rusby supply has been provided as it is not practicable to run this supply inside the houses owing to the level.

The New Brighton Reservoir with a capacity of 250,000 gallons which served about 20 houses and a school at Birdsedge has been closed for use and the premises connected to the Rusby system.

The lower part of the ward is supplied from the Dewsbury and Heckmondwike Joint Water Board's water through a service tank provided by the Council.

The water mains of the higher and lower levels can be made to communicate when necessary by the operation of valves.

The Council's own supplies undergo no filtration or other treatment. The Dewsbury and Heckmondwike Water Board carry out chlorination of their supply before it reaches the Council's undertakings.

SKELMANTHORPE WARD. The supply in this area is from the Dewsbury and Heckmondwike Joint Water Board's undertakings into a service reservoir owned by the Council.

CLAYTON WEST WARD. The greater part of the area derives its supply through the Skelmanthorpe system. The highest part of the area is served from the Rusby Reservoir system.

EMLEY WARD. This area is served by the Huddersfield Corporation's undertakings through a service tank owned by the Council.

EXTENSION OF SUPPLIES. No important extension has been carried out during the year. The following summary shows the distribution of the public supplies :

	Houses connected	Houses not connected
Skelmanthorpe Ward	1078	19
Denby and Cumberworth Ward ...	923	94
Emley Ward	409	35
Clayton West Ward	560	1
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	2970	149

BACTERIOLOGICAL EXAMINATION. Samples are taken regularly and submitted to the County Laboratory. The following tables show the result of the tests.

Date of sampling	Jan 12	Jan 12	Mar 25	Mar 25	Mar 25	May 25	May 25	June 21	June 21	July 5	July 5	July 5	July 5	July 26	July 26	July 26	Aug 12	Aug 30
Source of supply	Rusby Reservoir direct	New Brighton Reservoir inlet	Rusby Reservoir inlet	Rusby Reservoir inlet	Rusby and Dewsbury mixed	New Brighton Reservoir inlet	Rusby and Dewsbury mixed from main	Rusby and Dewsbury mixed from main	Mill Bank Reservoir	Mill Bank Reservoir	Rusby Reservoir inlet	Dewsbury from main	Dewsbury from main	Rusby mixed with Highfield well from main	Dewsbury from main	Rusby Reservoir at catch chamber	Rusby Reservoir at catch chamber	Rusby Reservoir inlet
Average number of organisms per ml	...	...	...	71	99	104	8	1	Plate spoiled	42	130	800	1200	192	1440	1440	64	48	220	160
Incubated for 2 days at 37°C	...	...	...	29	105	14	10	17	248	72	332	128	770	110	192	192	88	80	410	72
Presumptive B. coli per 100 ml	...	...	...	25	25	1	None	None	None	None	None	50	350	1	None	None	45	None	3	11
Reported as satisfactory	...	...	...	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	No	No
Date of sampling	...	...	...	Aug. 30	Sept 13	Sept 22	Sept 27	Sept 27	Sept 27	Oct 6	Oct 6	Oct 6	Oct 11	Oct 11	Oct 25	Oct 25	Oct 25	Nov 29	Nov 29	Nov 29
Source of supply	...	...	...	Rusby and Dewsbury mixed from main	Rusby Reservoir at catch chamber	Rusby Reservoir inlet	Rusby Reservoir inlet	Rusby Reservoir inlet	Rusby and Dewsbury mixed from main	Rusby Reservoir at catch chamber	Rusby Reservoir at catch chamber	Dewsbury from main	Rusby Reservoir at catch chamber	Dewsbury from main	Rusby Reservoir at catch chamber	Rusby Reservoir at catch chamber	Dewsbury from main	Rusby Reservoir inlet	Rusby and Dewsbury mixed from main	
Average number of organisms per ml	...	...	...	5	1	0	6	24	1	Duplicate Samples over 3000	Duplicate Samples over 3000	over 3000	3	4	168	168	7	2	4	
Incubated for 2 days at 37°C	...	...	...	76	15	8	34	40	15	25	25	3000	88	176	96	96	56	9	112	
Presumptive B. coli per 100 ml.	...	...	...	None	None	None	13	11	None	159	208	136	13	1	None	None	1	None	1	Yes
Reported as satisfactory	...	...	...	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

Notes.—New Brighton supply was discontinued on August 29th. Rusby supply was cut off on August 4th. Owing to a breakdown of the pumping engine it was put into use again from September 21st to October 4th and again restored on December 14th in respect to the old spring only.

Samples taken from the "New Wells" at Newfield, formerly connected to the Rushby Reservoir but temporarily disused since the year 1937 :—

Date of sampling	Aug 30	Sep 13	Sep 27	Oct 6	Oct 11	Oct 25	Nov 29
Average number of organisms per ml: Incubated for 2 days at 37°C	32	216	app. 6	over 3000	32	app. 11	over 3000
Incubated for 3 days at at 22°C	56	app. 5	40	430	48	app. 12	app. 18
Presumptive B. Coli. ...	1	2	1	35	1	None	None
Reported as satisfactory ...	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes

Samples were also taken from two private supplies involving in one case 8 houses and in the other case a factory. Owing to the doubtful conditions revealed the owners in both cases were induced to instal the Council's supplies.

DRAINAGE AND SEWERAGE

No extensions of the sewerage systems have been carried out during the year.

As may be expected in such an extensive and scattered area, a number of premises drain into cesspools and on to land.

A number of the outlying parts of the area still remain unsewered or only partially sewerred. The localities mainly affected are: Birdsege and High Flatts in the Denby and Cumberworth Ward; Hill Top, the Common and Cuttlehurst Hill in the Clayton West Ward; part of Emley Moor in the Emley Ward.

Improvement of sewers is required for the Church Street area in the Emley Ward with connection to proper outfall works.

Particulars of the several outfall works are as follow :

The Denby and Cumberworth and the Skelmanthorpe Wards are served by works situate at Langley which were constructed in 1907 and enlarged and improved in 1931 when the central area of Skelmanthorpe was re-sewered. Purification of the sewage is by grit chambers, sedimentation tanks, circular percolating beds and humus tanks. The effluent is discharged into the river Dearne.

The Clayton West Ward is served by works some distance lower down the same valley, which were constructed in 1930 during a partial reconstruction of the sewerage system. Purification of the sewage is on a similar method to the former-mentioned works.

The Emley Ward is served by three separate systems, namely: Broom Hall Works for the Warburton, Savile Street and Upper Lane areas, which include the Council's housing schemes. These works were originally constructed in 1927 and were entirely reconstructed in 1935. Further extension and improvement of these works is under consideration following complaints from the West Riding Rivers Board. Purification is by sedimentation tanks and circular percolating beds. The effluent discharges into a tributary of the river Dearne.

Scott's Croft Works for the Outlane, Beaumont Street and the Westfield end of Emley Moor areas. These works were constructed in 1903. Purification is by sedimentation tanks and rectangular bacteria beds fitted with distributing channels. The effluent passes into the Outlane beck which is a tributary of the river Dearne.

Thorncliffe Works for the Church Street area. The sewage is dealt with by land irrigation.

RIVERS AND STREAMS

Very little pollution occurs from domestic sewage. The West Riding Rivers Board have control of the area.

CLOSET ACCOMMODATION

Details of this subject are summarised below.

Number of privies with open middens	...	...	33
„ „ „ covered middens	...	...	1686
„ pail closets	...	...	6
„ water closets	...	...	1868
„ waste water closets	...	...	0

Number of privies reconstructed during 1938: (a) as W.C's 61; (b) as privies 2.

Number of additional closets provided during 1938 for old premises: W.C.'s 17; privies 1.

Number of closets constructed in 1938 for new houses: W.C's. 93, privies 0.

The Council make a small grant towards the cost of conversion of privy closets. Many of the conversions carried out during the year have been done voluntarily owing to this assistance, ,

PUBLIC CLEANSING

This work is under the control of the Surveyor. Collection of refuse is carried out by the Council's general purpose wagon and other hired motor vehicles. Disposal is entirely by tipping on the uncontrolled system. The tips in use do not lend themselves readily to the adoption of the controlled system owing to the means of access. The cost of collection and disposal was £1,014.

SANITARY INSPECTION OF THE AREA.

NUMBER AND NATURE OF INSPECTIONS MADE

Investigating complaints	...	...	...	...	23
Property under notice	...	...	...	...	97
Work in progress	...	...	...	...	114
Premises in course of erection	...	...	...	...	49
Council houses	...	...	...	...	20
Measuring houses for "Permitted number of persons"	...	...	...	...	51
Re-visits to overcrowded houses	...	...	...	...	6
Factories	...	...	...	...	14
Workshops	...	...	...	...	4
Bakehouses	...	...	...	...	5
Shop under Shops Act	...	...	...	...	1
Cowsheds	...	...	...	...	136
Meat and other food shops	...	...	...	...	11
Slaughterhouses for inspection of meat	...	...	...	...	323
Taking milk samples	...	...	...	...	13
Taking water samples	...	...	...	...	42
Taking samples of swimming bath water	...	...	...	...	3
Schools	...	...	...	...	2
Disinfecting after infectious disease	3
Interviews with property owners	35
Miscellaneous visits	150

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(For inspections under Housing Acts see Table "D".)

REMOVAL OF NUISANCES

Number and nature of defects found at 107 premises :

Sinks defective	...	...	...	...	...	7
Drains requiring connecting to sewer	...	...	...	...	...	2
„ defective	...	...	...	...	...	2
„ choked	...	...	...	...	...	1
„ untrapped or defectively trapped	...	...	...	...	...	8
Sewage filter choked	...	...	...	...	...	1
Yard drainage required	...	...	...	...	...	1
Sink waste pipes defective	...	...	...	...	...	2
Privy closets requiring conversion	...	...	...	...	...	53
„ „ „ repair	...	...	...	...	...	3
Insufficient closet accommodation	...	...	...	...	...	2
Additional W.C.'s required	...	...	...	...	...	12
Ashbins required	...	...	...	...	...	1
Floorboards defective	...	...	...	...	...	1
Plaster of walls defective	...	...	...	...	...	1
Houses with polluted water supply	...	...	...	...	...	8
Cellars flooded	...	...	...	...	...	2
Factory privy unsatisfactory	...	...	...	...	...	1
Factory urinal unsatisfactory	...	...	...	...	...	1
Factory requiring W.C. accommodation	...	...	...	...	...	1
Cowsheds requiring remodelling	6
Cowshed with dirty approach	1
Dairy accommodation required	3

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Of these defects 76 were remedied and also 73 defects outstanding from previous years. (*Note*—Defects dealt with under the Housing Acts are not included in the above list).

Number of Notices served : Informal 23 ; complied with 6
Statutory 0 ; „ „ 0

SHOPS ACT, 1934

No defects relating to ventilation, temperature or sanitary accommodation were found during the year.

CAMPING SITES

There are no sites in the area used for camping purposes beyond an occasional tent for a few days, and no licences have been issued or applied for under Section 269 of the Public Health Act, 1936.

SMOKE ABATEMENT

No action has been necessary with respect to this matter.

SWIMMING BATHS AND POOLS

There is one swimming bath in this area. This is owned by the local Miners' Welfare Fund Trustees. It is a modern covered bath fitted with a chlorination and filtration apparatus operated on the continuous system. Daily tests of the bath water for chlorine content are carried out by the superintendent in charge. Samples were taken on two occasions and submitted to the County Laboratory.

ERADICATION OF BED BUGS

No cases of infestation were found in Council houses or other houses. The methods used for freeing infested houses is by fumigation by Cimex Blocks. Fumigation with HCN of the furniture and belongings of tenants going into Council houses is carried out in the removal vans with the exception of bedding, which is submitted to steam sterilisation. The HCN process is carried out by a contractor. It has not been found necessary to take measures by way of education or supervision to prevent infestation or re-infestation.

SCHOOLS

All the schools are in good sanitary condition. The public water supplies are in all cases installed. During the year the conveniences at two schools have been converted to the water carriage system. The privy system remains at two schools, but in one of these cases the sewerage system is not suitable for the installation of W.C.'s.

INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD

MILK SUPPLY. The bulk of the supply is produced within the area and generally is distributed by the producers. Inspection of the premises is regularly carried out. Conditions are fairly satisfactory and are steadily improving. Licences for the production of milk under the Special Designations Orders are granted by the County Council who also generally carry out the sampling of milk sold under such orders. No licences are in force with respect to the production of "Tuberculin Tested" milk or in respect of Pasteurising plants.

Three licences have been granted during the year for the production of „Accredited" milk. No retailers have been removed from the register in respect of proceedings under the Milk and Dairies Order. There was no instance of disease attributed to milk during the year.

Number of registered cowkeepers	...	...	...	96
„ licenced to produce „accredited" milk	...	...	...	16
„ of wholesale traders	...	...	...	21
„ of retail milk sellers	...	...	...	77
„ of cowsheds registered	...	...	...	143
„ of cowsheds inspected	...	...	...	136
„ of milk cows in the area (approx.)	...	...	...	1140
„ of samples of ordinary milk taken :				
for Methylene blue test	...	...	...	12 (satisfactory 11)
„ presence of tuberculosis	...	...	...	0
„ sedimentation test	...	...	...	0
„ of samples of pasteurised milk	...	...	...	1 (satisfactory)

The veterinary inspection of the dairy cows is now under the control of the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries, and information as to the number of cows taken for slaughter under the Tuberculosis Order is not now available. This information was formerly supplied by the County Council Veterinary Department, but now apparently the Local Authority will be kept in the dark as to the healthiness of the dairy cows in their particular area.

MEAT AND OTHER FOODS. There is no public abattoir. There are 14 private slaughter-houses but 3 of these have been disused for some time. Thirteen are licenced and one registered. The slaughter-houses are regularly visited during slaughtering hours. The premises where "made up" foods are prepared are maintained in good condition. No infringements of the Public Health (Meat) Regulations were observed. There is no scheme for meat marking in force under these Regulations. A mutual indemnity scheme operated by the Local Butchers' Association with respect to loss sustained by its members in respect to the condemnation of diseased meat helps materially in the smooth carrying out of this duty.

CARCASSES INSPECTED AND CONDEMNED

	Cattle, excluding Cows	Cows	Calves	Sheep and Lambs	Pigs
Number killed	...	...	...	...	...
Number inspected	434	21	3	793	687
ALL DISEASES EXCEPT TUBERCULOSIS					
Whole carcasses condemned	0	0	0	0	1
Carcasses of which some part was condemned	24	0	0	0	8
Percentage of the number affected with disease other than tuberculosis	5.52	0	0	0	1.31
TUBERCULOSIS ONLY					
Whole carcasses condemned	6	0	0	0	0
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned	6	0	0	0	19
Percentage of number inspected affected with tuberculosis	2.76	0	0	0	2.76

SLAUGHTER OF ANIMALS ACT, 1933. Two licences have been granted during the reya. Licences are in force with respect to 41 slaughtermen. In two of the four wards sheep are included as animals to which Section 1 of the Act applies with respect to the use of a mechanically operated stunning instrument. No contraventions of the Act have been found.

ADULTERATION OF FOODS. The administration of the Food and Drugs (Adulteration) Act, 1928 is carried out by the County Council's officers. The following particulars have been supplied of the samples taken for analysis: Milk 38; Other foods 9-

FACTORY AND WORKSHOP ACT, 1901 and the FACTORIES ACT, 1937.

1 INSPECTIONS for purposes of provisions as to health.

Premises	Number of		
	Inspections	Written Notices	Occupiers prosecuted
Factories with mechanical power	14	0	0
Factories without mechanical power	9	0	0
Other Premises under the Act	1	0	0
Total	24	0	0

2 DEFECTS FOUND

		Number of defects	
		Found	Remedied
Sanitary Conveniences—	Insufficient	1	1
	Unsuitable or defective	1	0
	Total	2	1

WORK IN UNWHOLESOME PREMISES—Instances 0.

BYE-LAWS IN FORCE IN THE DISTRICT AND DATE OF ADOPTION
IN THE FOUR WARDS

	Skel.	D. & C.	C. West	Emley
Cleansing of Footways and Pavements ...	1926	1930	1905	—
Prevention of Nuisances	1926	1930	1905	—
New Streets and Buildings	1926	1930	1928	1924
Slaughterhouses	1926	1930	1928	—
Common Lodging Houses	1926	—	1905	—
Houses-let-in-lodgings	1926	—	—	—
Tents, Vans, Sheds	1926	1930	1928	—
Drainage of existing buildings	1926	1930	1928	—
Means of escape in case of fire at factories ...	1928	1930	1928	—
Smoke Abatement	1928	1930	—	—

ADOPTIVE ACTS IN FORCE IN DISTRICT

- Public Health Acts (Amendment) Act, 1890—Part 3.
- Public Health Act, 1925—Part 2.
- Public Street Works' Act, 1892—The whole.

TABLE D.

HOUSING STATISTICS.

1 *Inspection of Dwelling-houses during the year :*

- (1) (a) Total number of dwelling-houses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts—77
- (b) Number of inspections made for the purpose—126
- (2) (a) Number of dwelling-houses, included under sub-head 1 above, which were inspected and recorded under the Housing Consolidated Regulations, 1925 and 1932—77
- (b) Number of Inspections made for the purpose—126
- (3) Number of dwelling-houses needing further action—76
- (a) Number considered to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation—31
- (b) Number excluding those in sub-head 3 a above found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation—45

2 *Remedy of defects during the year without service of formal notices :*

Number of defective dwelling-houses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by the Local Authority or their Officers—18

Number of defective houses demolished in consequence of informal action—2

3 *Action under Statutory Powers during the year :*

A. Proceedings under sections 9, 10, 16, Housing Act, 1936 :

1 Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which notices were served requiring repairs—0

2 Number of dwelling-houses which were rendered fit after service of formal notices ;

a By owners—0 b By Local Authority in default of owners—0

B Proceedings under Public Health Acts :

1 Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which notices were served requiring defects to be remedied—0

2 Number of dwelling-houses in which defects were remedied after service of formal notices :

a By owners—0

b By Local Authority in default of owners—0

C Proceedings under sections 11 and 13 of the Housing Act, 1936

1 Number of representations, etc. made in respect of dwelling houses unfit for habitation—13

2 Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which Demolition Orders were made—4

3 Number of dwelling-houses demolished in pursuance of Demolition Orders—1

D. Proceedings under Section 12 of the Housing Act, 1936

1 Number of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which Closing Orders were made—0

2 Number of separate tenements or underground rooms, the Closing Orders in respect of which were determined, the tenement or room having been rendered fit—0

4. *Unhealthy Areas.*

Have any areas been declared Clearance Areas during the year 1938?

Area No. 1—Upper Lane, Emley, 6 houses, population 14 persons

Area No. 2—Church Street, Emley, 2 houses, population 5 persons

Area No. 3—Outlane, Emley, 2 houses, population 6 persons

Clearance Orders were made and confirmed. The houses have been vacated.

Re-housing accommodation was available at the housing scheme in Savile St.

5. *Number of new houses erected during 1938.*

a By the Local Authority—79; *b* By private enterprise—14. Total—93

6. *Housing Conditions.*

- 1 Total number of houses in the District—3119
- 2 Number of working class houses included in the above—2834
- 3 General observations as to housing conditions, overcrowding, and shortage of houses:—Generally conditions are good. Overcrowding is being overcome by re-housing schemes or voluntary removals, and it appears that soon there will be no serious shortage of houses.
- 4 Any special activity in house building?—No
- 5 Any housing scheme projected by Local Authority? If so, please give particulars—In the Denby Dale Ward 13 houses are in course of erection. In the Clayton West Ward 2 houses are in course of erection to complete a scheme for 10 houses
- 6 Any regulations made in respect of underground sleeping rooms under Section 12, Housing Act, 1936?—No

7. *Town Planning.*

- 1 Is the Council a member of any Regional Town Planning Committee?—No
- 2 Is a Town Planning Scheme in force?—No
- 3 Have Council during 1938 passed a Resolution deciding to prepare a Town Planning Scheme?—No

8. Name and Address of Officer designated to make inspection under the Housing Consolidated Regulations—

Frederick Greenwood, Sanitary Inspector,
Council Office, Skelmanthorpe, nr. Huddersfield

9. Has any action been taken to improve the housing conditions of tuberculous families in your District, either by way of building new or special houses, or the granting of special facilities for such families to be housed?—No

10. *Housing Act, 1936, Part iv, Overcrowding.*

- a*
 - 1 Number of dwellings overcrowded at the end of the year—29
 - 2 Number of families dwelling therein—30
 - 3 Number of persons dwelling therein—180
- b* Number of new cases of overcrowding reported during the year—0
- c*
 - 1 Number of cases of overcrowding relieved during the year—43
 - 2 Number of persons concerned in such cases—236
- d* Particulars of any cases in which dwelling-houses have again become overcrowded after the Local Authority have taken steps for the abatement of overcrowding—None
- e* Any other particulars with respect to overcrowding conditions upon which the Medical Officer of Health may consider it desirable to report—None

HOUSING ACTS, 1930 to 1936—SLUM CLEARANCE

The following table shows details of all the Clearance Areas which have been dealt with in the area now included in the Denby Dale Urban Area.

Area No.	Situation	No. of premises confirmed	No. of persons displaced	Date of making Clearance Order
C.1	Square Fold	10	46	1934
S.1	Elm Street	6	29	"
S.2	Lodge Street	5	23	"
S.3	Queen Street	4	15	"
S.4	Elm Street	8	31	"
S.5	King Street	2	7	"
S.6	Fleet St. & Stanhope St.	28	119	1936
S.7	Marsden Street	3	11	"
S.9	Prospect Sq. & Radcliffe St.	6	9	"
E.1	Upper Lane	6	14	1938
E.2	Church Street	2	5	"
E.3	Outlane	2	6	"
		82	315	

DETAILS OF INDIVIDUAL UNFIT HOUSES CLOSED BY ACTION UNDER THE
HOUSING ACTS FOR PERIOD 1930 TO 1938

Situation	No. of houses	No. of persons displaced	Date of Order or Notice	Result of action
SKELMANTHORPE				
Savile Road	1	0	Informal 1933	Dem. 1933. New house erected on site by owner.
Elm Street	2	8	„ 1935	Demolished 1938.
Savile Road	1	0	„ 1936	Dem. 1937. New house erected on site by owner.
Langley	4	12	D.O. 1936	1 to be demolished, 3 to be used as stores. Two families rehoused.
Carter Fold	1	7	D O. 1936	Demolished & Rehoused 1938.
DENBY & CUMBERWORTH				
Miller Hill	3	8	D.O. 1934	Demolition in progress
Revell Bottom	2	8	„	Vacated 1935. To be demolished when site developed by owner
Little Royd Farm	1	0	Informal 1934	Undertaking not to re-let for habitation
Lane Side	1	5	D.O. 1935	Demolished 1936
Greenside	1	5	D.O. 1936	„ 1938
Nether End	1	5	D.O. 1936	Family to be re-housed in Council's scheme in progress
Gas Works Yard	1	13	C.O. 1938	„
Ivy Cottage	1	4	D.O. 1938	„
Denham House	1	10	„	„
Denham Cottage	1	5	„	Vacated. To be demolished
CLAYTON WEST				
Bilham Road	1	3	C.O. 1934	Family rehoused by Council 1935
EMLEY				
Commonside Farm	1	5	Repair notice 1934	Closed by owner and used as farm store 1937
Outlane	1	6	D.O. 1937	Conv. into farm building 1937
Park House	1	3	„	„ „ 1938
Church Street	1	6	„	Converted into garage 1937
Park Lane	1	1	D.O. 1938	Demolition in progress
Outlane	1	8	„	Family rehoused 1938
Old Engine House	1	4	„	Vacated 1938
Upper Lane	1	2	„	Family rehoused 1938
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Note—The abbreviation “D.O.” means that a Demolition Order was made or considered. In some cases an undertaking by the owner to use the premises for other purposes was accepted.

SUMMARY SHOWING PARTICULARS OF HOUSES ERECTED AND IN COURSE
OF ERECTION BY THE COUNCIL

Situation	Type	No	Date of completion
Netherfield Terrace, Skel.	A4	4	1938
" " "	A3	4	1927
" " "	B2	4	"
Windmill Crescent, "	A4	10	1935 (2), 1936 (2), 1937 (6)
" " "	A3	18	1935 (4), 1936 (8), 1937 (5), 1938 (1)
" " "	A2	8	1935
Sunny mead, Scissett	A4	14	1937 (4), 1938 (10)
" " "	A3	18	1937 (10), 1938 (8)
" " "	A2	12	1937 (6), 1938 (6)
Royds Avenue, Clayton West	A4	6	1935 (4), 1938 (2)
" " "	A3	8	1935 (2), 1938 (6)
" " "	A2	4	1935
Scott Hill, "	B3	1	1926
Warburt'n & Upper Lane, Emley	A3	20	1926 (8), 1927 (12)
Savile Street, Emley	B4	4	1938
" " "	B3	18	"
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Royds Avenue, Clayton West	A3	2	In course of erection
Denby Dale	Adj. 6	1	"
"	A4	2	"
"	A3	10	"
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Note—"A" type are scullery houses; "B" type are parlour houses. The figures denote the number of bedrooms. The adjustable type is capable of being converted into two 3-bedroomed houses.

